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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PINS, SY (BATES, JONATHAN AND
WHITSITT, SAMUEL)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN PRISONERS IN SYRIA

1. HEAD USINT DAMASCUS CARDILLI ADVISED EMBASSY BY
PHONE MARCH 13 THAT HE VISITED BATES MARCH 12 AND
LEARNED FROM BATES THAT HE SHARING ROOM WITH SAMUEL
WHITSITT. CARDILLI STATED HE SENDING DETAILED REPORT
TO US IN WRITING THIS WEEK RECOUNTING HIS TWO- HOUR
PRIVATE MEETING WITH BATES. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS
AS RELATED TO THE TWO PRISONERS:

2. REGARDING WHITSITT, BATES STATED SAMUEL IN VERY
GOOD HEALTH AND AWAITING FIRST VISIT BY USINT. CARDILLI
ASSURES US HE PRESSING MOST FIRMLY WITH SARG TO GAIN
SPEEDY ACCESS.

3. RE BATES, HE APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS
AND WROTE LETTER TO PARENTS; WHEN CLEARED BY SYRIAN
AUTHORITIES LETTER WILL BE SENT TO US FOR DIRECT TRANSMISSION
TO PARENTS. PACKAGE DELIVERED AND CARDILLI WAS PREPARED
TO GIVE AUTHORITIES FOR BATES FIVE LATEST LETTERS.
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WHEN CARDILLI, HOWEVER, LEARNED FROM BATES THAT PREVIOUS
LETTER " SENT THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS" HAD STILL NOT
REACHED HIM, CARDILLI PROTESTED TO SYRIANS AND READ
ALoud TO BATES THE FIVE LETTERS.
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